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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Board Meetings: First Thursday of each month. Interested members are invited to attend.

Regular Meetings: Second Thursday of each month. Washington School, 201 Howard Ave., Burlingame - 8:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Potluck Supper: Thursday, Nov. 10, 6:30 pm  
Washington School, Howard Ave., Burl.  
Phone one of the Potluck chairmen, Mrs. Ester Gothan, Di 3-4946, or Mrs. Silas Hays, Di 3-5055.

Regular Meeting: Thursday, Nov. 10, 8:00 pm  
Washington School, Burlingame.  
Gene Hebbbron will show her bird slides which we all find so gratifying if we can identify them and so challenging if we can't.  
Mr. Silas Hays has a tremendously interesting evening planned for us. He is going to show his slides on Morocco. Having lived in Morocco for nineteen months, Mr. Hays saw many places which the average tourist would never see. He searched out the unusual, the out-of-the-way places and here he took his pictures of the people and their customs. His accompanying talk will be a fascinating commentary on a country and its people about which many of us are not too well informed.  
You won't want to miss this evening and please feel free to bring your friends.

"Peg" Smith, Program Chairman

FIELD TRIPS

November 13, 1960 - Sunday

Boat trip to Greco Island.  
Leader: Winoa Sears.  
Meet at Redwood City Yacht Harbor at 7:00 A. M.

November 26, 1960 - Saturday

Crystal Springs Lakes and Sawyer Camp road  
Leader: Florence Richardson  
Meet at Pulgas Water Temple on Canada Road at 8:00 A. M.

BIRD WALKS

Gene Hebbbron Leader.  
November 16<sup>th</sup> - Borel Ave. & El Camino  
Meet at Borel & Elcamino at 8:30 A. M.

November 30<sup>th</sup> - Bunker Hill Road  
Meet at Crystal Springs Dam at 8:30 A.M.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The increased attendance at Audubon Society activities this fall has been most gratifying. The regular meetings have been excellent, due in part to the fine programs planned by "Peg" Smith and her committee, but the interest and participation of the audience has added greatly to our enjoyment of them. Our first potluck was so successful that I'm sure we're all looking forward to the next one on November 10.

(President's message continued.)

The work of the various committees is progressing in a most satisfactory manner. The Conservation Committee is at work on a number of very worthwhile plans, some of which are reported upon elsewhere in this bulletin. The Field Trip Committee has planned a number of very interesting trips. "Gene" Hebbro's Wednesday morning bird walks provide an opportunity for excellent birding for those who can attend.

The adult education committee, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Aveline Butler, and working jointly with members from the Junior Museum, inaugurated on October 12 a lecture and workshop series entitled Popular Nature Projects. This course is designed to aid youth leaders in the teaching of natural science. Although the attendance so far has been small, those who have attended are very interested and enthusiastic. The subject of the first meeting, "The Earth in Space", was a fascinating one, made even more interesting by models and experiments shown by Junior Museum personnel. Mr. James Butler of Sequoia Audubon Society gave an excellent demonstration showing how he implements the teaching of astronomy to youth groups by the use of interesting "homemade" constellation charts and devices for showing the distances and relationships of planets in the solar system. The subject of the second meeting was rocks and minerals. This was followed by a field trip geared primarily to study of rocks and minerals.

The next session of Popular Nature Projects will be held at the Junior Museum on November 9 from 7:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. The subject will be "Fossils". Your help in passing along this information to youth leaders will be very much appreciated. Because of limited space at the Junior Museum, it is necessary to phone the Junior Museum before entering the

class. If you know of anybody who has an interesting nature hobby who might be willing to help in the teaching of the Popular Nature Projects, please contact Mrs. Butler, Ly. 3-4482.

Last but not least, our excellent library is now in place and waiting for your visit. It is located on the second floor of Dr. Benner's building at 30 South El Camino, San Mateo. Parking is available at the rear of the building. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. every day except Saturday when it is open from 7:00 P. M. to 9:00 P. M.

See you at the potluck and meeting on November 10!

Ruth Breckenridge

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#### OCTOBER 13th MEETING

At our second meeting Jed McClellan, in his report for the Conservation Committee, stated that we now have a warden on Greco Island who will be on duty through the first and second hunting seasons. He also announced that signs have been posted on both of the island sanctuaries. Mr. McClellan reported that our County Planning Commission is definitely conservation minded and is studying the easement plan used in certain other parts of the county. Continuing in the same realm of conservation, he said that the Burlingame Waterfront Plan is now completed and is conservation slanted.

Mrs. James Butler reported on the first meeting of Sequoia Audubon's training program for youth leaders held at the Junior Museum. Mrs. Butler felt that the meeting was well attended and that those attending were extremely interested. Mr. Butler had given a program on astronomy which our Audubon members had once been privileged to hear.

In the absence of Gene Hebbro, Ruth Breckenridge showed Gene's Bird slides.

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The film "The Conservation Story" was next shown. It told the story of America's beauty, how man has in the past robbed it of its riches and how we are now attempting to rectify our earlier mistakes by wise conservation methods.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Valentine showed their slides taken at Lassen National Park. The pictures of the great cinder cone were excellent with the snow covered peak of Lassen itself looming in the background. We saw where the great flow of lava had permanently made two lakes out of one and there were some fine views of strange lava formations. It is interesting to know that California is the home of the only active volcano in continuous United States.

"Peg" Smith

#### THE DUMBARTON BRIDGE TRIP

The field trip committee planned a trip to Dumbarton Bridge for a day prior to the opening of duck hunting season----- for safety's sake. The day selected was Sunday, October 9. The trip was planned with care; and everything worked out perfectly, with one exception. Ample and safe parking space was available; the sun shone brightly; and on the day before the trip there were hundre hundreds of white pelicans and thousands of ducks and shore birds within easy walking distance from the parking area. But on Sunday morning, a one-day north wind of gale force came up and drove most of the birds away and almost blew us away, also. There were fourteen cars at the meeting place, a great turnout. The wind was only a slight threat when we left our homes. But by the time we reached the bird-watching area -- Wow!

Anyway, we had fun and we did see birds of many kinds, especially those of us who, when blown from Dumbarton Bridge went down to the Palo Alto Yacht Harbor for further searching.

Jed (J. Ed.) McClellan,  
Field Trip Chairman

#### OUR BIRD SANCTUARIES

The November 13 boat trip to Greco Island will enable us to see again one of the salt marsh bird sanctuaries for which Sequoia Audubon Society is partly responsible. This Society, the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society, the Golden Gate Audubon Society and the Sierra Club are lessees from Ideal Cement Co. and Leslie Salt Co. of salt marsh areas which we wish preserved for birds, both resident and migratory, which need salt marsh habitats for their protection. The National Audubon Society meets the expense of insurance and warden service for these sanctuaries.

Warden service is provided only during the duck hunting season and during the short interval between the shooting periods.

These areas are posted as sanctuaries.

One of the sanctuaries is on Greco Island, near Redwood City; and the other sanctuary (two tracts) is at the edge of the Bay on the Alameda County side south of the Dumbarton Bridge.

Our new warden (who will serve under the general direction of John Larsen,) who now spends most of his time during the fall and winter at the Richardson Bay Sanctuary, is Cliff McGeehee, 905 Chevy Street, Belmont, LY 3-0323.

Jed (J. Ed.) McClellan,

Conservation Chairman

## ALL FOR THE BIRDS: VOICE OF AUDUBON

Daily and sometimes twice daily, a new report is given to the bird watchers of Massachusetts on the activity of the bird citizens and visitors of the Bay State.

The Massachusetts Audubon Society is the only Audubon society in the U. S. offering this service to its members and others. The service has been in existence since 1954 and has such popularity among bird watchers that calls are received from all over the country.

Many people plan vacations according to the reports of the Voice of Audubon. A man in Florida was planning a trip to New England and wanted to know exactly where to go to observe his favorite bird. He received his answer.

The Voice's source of information is a voluntary response on the part of bird enthusiasts. Birders are constantly calling in with reports on the location of unusual birds and their activities. In the busiest months such as May, the society has received close to 1,000 reports.

The recordings for the Voice of Audubon are made in a little office in the back of the Massachusetts Audubon Society's store at 174a Newbury St. Boston. Here you can get reports on the activities of birds in the area.

(From Christian Science Monitor)

## WHERE WALNUTS GROW ON REDWOOD TREES

While rambling through the hills on a recent Saturday, a group of us decided to enjoy a bit of refreshment at the "Frosties" drive-in at the southern limits of Boulder Creek. As we relaxed in our car, nibbling our "frosties", we noticed a group of large Coast Redwoods, directly in back of the drive-in, whose bark had been filled with acorns by Acorn Woodpeckers. From our vantage point, some of the acorns looked king-size. With one accord, we clambered from the car, bent upon closer investigation. As we approached the trees, the mystery was quickly solved. Lying on the ground under the trees was a number of walnuts interspersed among the acorns.

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The following notices have been received from the Audubon office at 2426 Bancroft Way, Berkeley:

Anyone desiring to by NATURE-ly Xmas gifts may do so at the Berkeley office which is open as follows:

Monday, thru Friday Noon until 5  
Saturday, 10 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Announcing the second Nature Photography Salon for Audubon members (in the West only). To be held as part of the National Audubon Society Biennial Convention at Asilomar, Mar. 25-28, 1961. (Anyone wanting further information about the Photography contest please contact Carol Boyd, Di 4-5901 for further details).